

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 33 with the following replacement paragraph:

--More specifically, one embodiment of the retaining wall system includes a base and a wall assembly. The [[a]] base is formed from a first row of building blocks. The wall assembly is supported on the base, the wall assembly includes a plurality of vertically stacked rows of building blocks. The wall assembly has a front face and a rear face. The building blocks are formed of fiber reinforced cellular cementitious material. The retaining wall system also includes a plurality of spaced apart elongated vertically extending reinforcing strips fixed to one of the front face and the rear face of the wall assembly. The reinforcing strips are each secured to the wall assembly by a plurality of fasteners. The fasteners each extend through the reinforcing strips and into the building blocks forming the wall assembly.--